



REPREPLY TO
ATTATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS

P.O. BOX 60267

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 70160-0267

Planning, Programs and
Project Management Division
Protection and Restoration Office

May 30, 2007

Dear Mr. or Ms. Property Owner:

Please be advised that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is conducting surveys in the vicinity of your property during the next few weeks, based on a right-of-entry that was provided by the Orleans Levee District. The survey being conducted in your reach of the 17th Street Canal (5310 to 5800 Bellaire Drive) will consist of an elevation survey extending from the existing floodwall to the approximate location of the levee toe as depicted in the 1966 Guy Seghers survey.

The first elevation will be taken at the ground adjacent to the wall's protected side, then immediately outside back yard fences and/or property lines. Additional elevation points will be taken at 10 foot intervals until the survey reaches the approximate location of the 1966 levee toe. These transect sections will be spaced no more than 40 feet apart and the surveyors will take additional elevations in areas where there are important features not captured in the cross section. Examples would include retaining walls, steps, building locations, swimming pools, etc.

The survey contractor's personnel will carry copies of this notification letter and will be wearing Corps safety vests to ensure ease of identification. Access for the surveys will be from the existing right-of-way along the levee corridor at the rear of your property. In most cases, the surveyors will be able to perform their work without any disruption to property owners or residents along the canal. In situations where it is necessary to access areas behind fences, we have directed the survey contractor and/or the Corps quality assurance personnel to knock on the front doors to announce themselves prior to entry.

The current surveys are needed to complete necessary analyses relative to tree and fence removal activities proposed along the 17th Street Canal levee. Our right-of-entry from the Orleans Levee District is limited to surveys. Please be assured that the Corps will not move forward with the removal of trees or fences until we have completed our analyses and coordinated the results with the affected property owners. An additional right-of-entry from the non-federal sponsor, the Orleans Levee District, will also be required prior to any removal activities.

If you should have any questions concerning this letter, please feel free to contact Mr. Steve Finnegan of my office at 504-862-2553 or Mr. Joey Marceaux of our Real Estate Division at 504-862-1175.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Stout
Project Manager
Tree Removal